

PATRICIA (GUTTORMSON) PEACOCK, SFCA

Patricia was born and raised in Gimli, Manitoba and is presently residing in South Surrey, BC. Creativity has always played an important role in this artist's life, starting in early childhood. In grade school, one teacher in particular encouraged Pat to paint and draw. Miss Ethel Greenberg taught grade four and was very open to nurturing artistic interests in her students. With positive guidance and praise, Patricia gained self-confidence and a desire to create art.

Formal training includes: Kwantlen College, Langara College, UBC workshops, The Federation of Canadian Artists and the White Rock Summer School of the Arts. Patricia attained her Senior Signature status with the FCA five years ago. This is the highest honour in the ECA and Patricia is one of twenty six women in Canada to have achieved this status. She is also a member of the Standards Committee with the FCA, and a senior juror. In 1996 Patricia was chosen to be the Heritage Canada Artist for that year. The painting was purchased by Heritage Canada and hangs in Ottawa. Prints were distributed across Canada to schools and organizations. The title "A Nordic Saga" tells the story of the Nordic people emigrating to Canada and the gifts that they brought with them that became part of Canadian culture. Pat has also painted the cover for limited edition books.

This artist has had several successful solo shows throughout her career: a highlight for her was an invitation to be the first North American artist of Icelandic descent to have a solo show in Hofsós, Iceland. Patricia's work has been presented to the past and present President of Iceland, the Kjarval Museum, and collected by Sheraton Hotels, (Richmond, BC), Robinson Lighting of Winnipeg and several private collectors internationally.

Patricia has been teaching art to home-schooled children, and recreation centre programs for both adults and children this past year. She also gives demos and workshops in water based, mix media.

This Solo Show held at the old Public School building that Pat attended as a child is held in memory of Miss Ethel Greenberg, a truly gifted teacher who connected at a deeper level and knew exactly what was needed to light the spark of creativity. We have come full circle.

Biography of Patricia A. Guttormson Peacock, SFCA

Parents were James Guttormson and Lára Anderson Guttormson. James was the son of Gunnar Guttormson from the East Fjords in Iceland, born in Landamot in Seyðisfjörður in 1880. His mother was Ingibjörg Stefánsdóttir (Emily Stevens) of Harðstaðir on Skagaströnd. Lára (Laura) was the daughter of Oddur Anderson (Árnason) from Grenivík and Guðlaug Björg Gísladóttir from Borgarförður-eystra.

Pat was born and raised in Gimli, Manitoba. She had one brother James (Jimmy). Her interest in art began in early childhood and continued throughout the years. Pat married James, then they moved to Vancouver where Jim flew for a major airline. Pat and Jim live near White Rock. They have three children, two sons living in Vancouver and a daughter living south of Gimli.

During this time, Pat's creativity focused on formal art education and involvement in various art organizations. Also at this time she discovered the Icelandic Club in Vancouver and became a member. The club offered Icelandic language classes and a Norse Mythology class and that caught her interest. The realisation of our unique and interesting heritage became very apparent to Pat, and this strong devotion to her Icelandic heritage is reflected in selected paintings.